

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

URGENT LEGAL MATTER

HAND DELIVERED and CERTIFIED MAIL NO. P 347 537 166 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 25, 1994

Mr. J.S. Brattain a/k/a Jean Stuart Brattain 15209 Cimarron Avenue Gardena, CA 90249 95-05

Re: Administrative Order No. 95-05 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 9606

The enclosed Administrative Order is issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), pursuant to Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606, to prevent or mitigate immediate and significant risk of harm to human health and the environment at 690 Mozumdar Drive, Cedar Pines Park, CA 92322 (the Site). This Order requires you to take immediate actions to contain and prevent the release and potential release of hazardous substances from the Site.

Your intention to conduct the response actions, or your refusal to do so, should be conveyed within forty-eight hours from receipt of this order to Gavin McCabe of the EPA Office of Regional Counsel at (415) 744-1334. Failure to respond within this time frame will be construed as a refusal to comply with the Order. EPA may then enter the Site to initiate response actions and seek reimbursement from you for its costs.

In your reply, please tell us the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom EPA should direct communication regarding this matter.

This letter also provides formal notice of your potential liability under Section 107(a) of CERCLA. EPA has documented the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site described above. The hazardous substances in question include, but are not limited to DDT, xylene, and methyl ethyl ketone. Previously, on September 30, 1994, EPA sent you formal notice of your potential liability with respect to this Site and requested that you conduct certain response activities. The U.S Post Office has informed EPA that you failed to accept the September 30, 1994 letter despite receiving written notification about the letter from the Post Office on October 5, 1994 and October 11, 1994.

This Site is within the jurisdiction of EPA and the EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), who is charged with initiating a response action or coordinating, directing, and reviewing the work of any other responders to insure compliance with the NCP. The OSC for this Site is Mr. Daniel Shane. Pursuant to its authority under the and the National Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, EPA evaluates whether responsible parties or other agencies are properly responding to such releases or threatened releases.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include current and former owners and operators of a site, persons who arranged for disposal of hazardous substances at a site (generators), and persons who accept hazardous waste for transport to a site. We believe that you may be a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) as the owner and operator of the Site and as a generator of hazardous substances at the Site. Before EPA initiates a response, PRPs, where practicable, are informed of the interest of EPA and offered the opportunity to conduct the response. If EPA expends public funds for a response action at this Site, you as a PRP may be held liable for all government costs, plus all penalties available to EPA under law for your failure to comply with EPA's Order.

If you have any questions regarding legal authorities, rights, or sanctions regarding this matter, contact Gavin McCabe at the above telephone number or in writing at the following address:

Gavin McCabe, Assistant Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (RC-3-1) 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105 Tel: (415) 744-1334 Fax: (415) 744-1041

If you have any technical or operational questions, contact:

Daniel Shane, On-Scene Coordinator (415) 744-2286

William J. Weis III, Removal Enforcement Investigator (415) 744-2297

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Zelikson, Director Hazardous Waste Management Division

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cc: Jerry Wong, REHS III, SBC DEHS
Ronnie Bromberg, REHS II, SBC DEHS
Kevin Yamata, DTSC

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

IN THE MATTER OF:

Order No. 95-05

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Crestline DRMO Site

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 106

Respondent:

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE,

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PREAMBLE

- Jean Stuart Brattain, a/k/a J.S. Brattain ("Respondent"), pursuant to the authority vested in the President of the United States by Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-499 ("CERCLA"), delegated to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Executive Order No. 12580, January 23, 1987, 52 Federal Register 2923, further delegated to the EPA Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation Nos. 14-14-A and 14-14-B, and further redelegated to the Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division by Region IX Delegations 1290.41 and 1290.42.
- 2. The State of California has been notified of the issuance of this Order as required by Section 106(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a).

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This Order requires the Respondent to undertake and complete removal activities to abate an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health and welfare or the environment that may be presented by the actual or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Crestline DRMO Site ("the Site" or "the facility"), 690 Mozumdar Drive, Cedar Pines Park, San Bernardino County, California.

EPA has designated an On-Scene Coordinator for the Site, pursuant to the National Contingency Plan ("NCP") 40 C.F.R. Part 300.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on available information, including the Administrative Record in this matter, EPA hereby finds:

5. Site Location

The Crestline DRMO Site is located at 690 Mozumdar Drive, Cedar Pines Park, San Bernardino County, California. The Legal description of the Site is NW 1/4 Section 17; Township 2 North: Range 4 West. The San Bernardino County Assessor's Parcel Number for the Site is 0342011030000.

6. Site Characteristics

The Site is situated in a heavily wooded, residentiallyzoned area, at an elevation of approximately 5,000 feet. is a small uninhabited cabin on the Site. The Site appears to be abandoned and is strewn with inoperable vehicles and equipment, trash, debris, potential asbestos-containing piping, and approximately 300 containers of various sizes. The containers are scattered haphazardly within a fenced area with approximate 28 dimensions of 75 feet by 250 feet. Some of the containers are

partially buried, others are stored on bare soil and most are exposed to the elements. The containers exhibit various degrees of corrosion and some have corroded so badly that they are leaking. Suspected contents of the containers include paint, solvents, oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, grease, hydraulic fluid, miscellaneous petroleum-based materials and pesticides.

Approximately one third (1/3) of the containers are marked with military specifications indicating that they originated from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Organization ("DRMO").

7. Respondent

Mr. J.S. Brattain, a/k/a Jean Stuart Brattain, is referred to herein as the Respondent. Mr. Brattain holds title to the property located at 690 Mozumdar Drive, Cedar Pines Park, San Bernardino County, California, referred to herein as the Site. According to San Bernardino County Records, Mr Brattain has owned this property since at early as May 6, 1982. EPA believes that Mr. Jean Stuart Brattain's current address is 15209 Cimarron Avenue, Gardena, California, 90249. EPA attempted to contact Mr. Brattain via a certified mail letter dated September 30, 1994 to notify him of his potential CERCLA liability regarding the Site. Mr. Brattain did not accept delivery of the letter.

8. Incident / Release Characteristics

On May 17, 1994, the San Bernardino County Department of Environmental Health Services ("SBDEHS") received a complaint concerning a storage yard with numerous containers of unknown substances, tanks, trash, waste oils, and flammable liquids on the Respondent's premises. SBDEHS sent the Respondent "Notices of Violation" by U.S. Certified Mail on three separate occasions:

May 27, 1994, July 7, 1994, and August 2, 1994. These attempts to notify the Respondent were unsuccessful.

On September 8, 1994, SBDEHS sent the Respondent by U.S.

Certified Mail a "Notice to Abate" the containers of hazardous materials from his property. This attempt to notify the Respondent was also unsuccessful. An additional SBDEHS attempt to contact the Respondent in person at his residence in Gardena, California also proved unsuccessful. The Respondent is not listed in the telephone directories for either San Bernardino or Los Angeles Counties.

In early September 1994, the SBDEHS requested EPA assistance in evaluating potential threats posed by the storage of containers of hazardous materials on the Site. On September 16, 1994, EPA On-Scene Coordinator Daniel Shane tasked the Technical Assistance Team ("TAT") to assess the Site.

On September 23, 1994 TAT representatives and SBDEHS representatives met at the Site for the purpose of conducting a site assessment. SBDEHS had previously procured an inspection warrant for the assessment. TAT inspectors observed the conditions detailed in Paragraph 6 above. In addition, SBDEHS representatives provided TAT with the sampling results from an August 31, 1994 inspection conducted by SBDEHS. Several samples had been submitted for laboratory analyses, including flashpoint analyses using EPA Method 1010. The results of the flashpoint analyses are presented in Table 1 below. A substance with a flashpoint less than 100 degrees fahrenheit is considered highly flammable while a substance having a flashpoint greater than 100

but less than 200 degrees fahrenheit is considered moderately flammable.

Table 1

Sample I.D.	Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)
98-1	138
98-2	84
98-4	>167
98-6	81

9. Quantities and Types of Substance Present

After surveying the property, TAT conducted a cursory inventory. This inventory is presented in Table 2 below. Most of the containers are full but unopened. Some containers have labels identifying their contents but many do not. As stated previously, TAT identified approximately 300 containers strewn haphazardly around the Site, mostly within a fenced area with approximate dimensions of 75 feet by 250 feet. Suspected contents of the containers include paint, solvents, oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, grease, hydraulic fluid, miscellaneous petroleum-based materials and pesticides. The results of the container survey are presented in Table 2 below.

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Container Size	Estimated Quantity
1 Gallon	125
5 Gallon	125
30 Gallon	15
55 Gallon	40
Pressure Cylinders	5

10. Threats to Public Health and Welfare

Conditions at the Site were evaluated using the criteria set forth in §300.415(b) of the NCP. Several of the chemicals identified at the Site, including DDT, xylene, and methyl ethyl ketone are "hazardous substances" as defined in Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), and 40 CFR Section 302.4. The unstable condition of the containers and of the hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants that have been preliminarily identified present an unacceptable risk of a fire and explosion and the resultant release of toxic gasses.

The Site is located within a residential neighborhood and there are a number of pathways and mechanisms by which nearby residents could be exposed to chemicals from the Site. Below is an analysis of conditions at the Site under the NCP criteria for removals:

1. Actual or potential exposure to hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants by nearby populations or the food chain.

The Site poses a significant threat to nearby populations through direct contact by authorized or unauthorized visitors to the Site or through fire and explosion and the resultant release of toxic gasses.

 Actual or potential contamination of Jrinking water supplies.

It is unlikely that there is currently groundwater contamination at the Site. However, the chemicals at the Site are highly mobile and it is possible that chemicals could migrate through soil and eventually result in groundwater contamination.

3. Hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants in drums, barrels, tanks, or other bulk storage containers that may pose a threat of release.

Containers at the Site are stored in an insecure manner.

Many of the containers are in a deteriorated condition and pose an imminent threat of release either through leakage of liquids or through release via fire, explosion or earthquake. Some leakage has already been observed. The Site is located within an area that is seismically active and is subject to extreme weather conditions.

4. High levels of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants in soils at or near the surface, that may migrate.

EPA has not yet documented soil contamination at the Site. However, TAT observed a few leaking containers and many others are in a very deteriorated condition. If left to further deteriorate, these containers would eventually lose their integrity and leak their contents onto the soil. These hazardous substances are highly mobile in the environment and could migrate offsite. Contaminated soil could become airborne and blow off-Site.

Threat of fire or explosion.

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There is a strong threat of fire or explosion at the Site due to the presence of flammable and potentially shock sensitive material. Table 1 above shows the ignitability characteristic present in some of the substances stored on The Site is located in a heavily wooded area the Site. where considerable amounts of natural fuel exist. Local flora has suffered under severe drought conditions for almost a decade and a fire would spread rapidly.

Threats to the Environment 11.

The poor condition of the containers and the nature of the chemicals at the Site pose a threat of fire, spillage, and migration of the chemicals to the surrounding wooded area. fire at the Site could release potentially toxic fumes that would adversely effect the local population and environment. addition, a fire could quickly spread to and destroy the surrounding woods. Spillage of hazardous substances onto Site soils could result in contamination of the soils and eventually degradation of groundwater resources. These hazardous substances 28 are highly mobile in the environment and could migrate offsite.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings, the U.S. EPA has concluded that:

- 12. The Crestline DRMO Site is a "facility" as defined by Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(9).
- 13. The Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(21).
- 14. The Respondent is the present "owner" and "operator" of the Site, as defined by Section 101(20) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(20).
- 15. The Respondent was an owner and operator of the Site, at the time of disposal, or arranged for disposal or transport for disposal of hazardous substances at the Site.
- 16. The Respondent is therefore a liable person under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9607.
- 17. DDT, xylene, methyl ethyl ketone, and lead are "hazardous substances" as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14).
- 18. The abandonment of hazardous substances on the Site (including but not limited to DDT, xylene, ignitable solvents, ignitable fuels, and lead paint) constitutes an actual or threatened "release" as that term is defined in Section 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(22).

DETERMINATIONS

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division, EPA Region IX, has made the following determinations:

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- 20. The actions required by this Order, if properly performed, are consistent with the National Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 CFR Part 300 and CERCLA, and are appropriate to protect the public health or welfare or the environment.
- 21. The conditions present at the Site constitute a threat to public health or welfare or the environment based upon consideration of the factors set forth in the NCP at 40 CFR section 300.415(b). These factors are detailed under paragraph 10 above.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings, Conclusions, and Determinations, and pursuant to Section 106(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a), it is hereby Ordered that the Respondent undertake the following actions under the direction of EPA's On-Scene Coordinator.

- 22. Upon receipt of this Order, the Respondent shall provide twenty-four (24) hour security at the Site which meets with EPA approval.
- 23. The Respondent shall restrict access to the Site and shall not allow any materials, equipment, or any other item to be removed from the Site without prior EPA approval.
- 24. Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall submit to EPA for approval, a Work Plan for the removal activities ordered as

set forth in the next paragraph. The Work Plan shall provide a concise description of the activities to be conducted to comply with the requirements of this Order, and shall include a proposed schedule for implementing and completing the activities. The Work Plan shall be reviewed by EPA, which may approve, disapprove, require revisions, or modify the Work Plan. The Respondent shall implement the Work Plan as finally approved by EPA. Once approved, the Work Plan shall be deemed to be incorporated into and made a fully enforceable part of this Order.

- 25. The Work Plan shall contain a site safety and health plan, a sampling and analysis plan, and a schedule of the work to be performed. The site safety and health plan shall be prepared in accordance with EPA's Standard Operating Safety Guide, dated November 1984 and updated July 1988, and with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") regulations applicable to Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, 29 CFR Part 120. The Work Plan and other submitted documents shall demonstrate that the Respondent can properly conduct the actions required by this Order.
- 26. The Respondent shall retain a contractor qualified to undertake and complete the requirements of this Order and shall notify EPA of the name of such contractor within five (5) calendar days of the effective date of this Order. EPA retains the right to disapprove of any, or all, of the contractors and/or subcontractors retained by the Respondent. In the event EPA disapproves of a selected contractor, the Respondent shall retain a different contractor to perform the work, and such selection

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- of the Work Plan, the Respondent shall fully implement the Work Plan as approved or modified by EPA. Failure of the Respondent to properly implement all aspects of the Work Plan shall be deemed to be a violation of the terms of this Order. The Work Plan shall require the Respondent to perform, and complete, at a minimum, the following removal activities:
 - a. Containerization and segregation of hazardous substances located within the fenced area and the immediate area around the cabin. Hazardous substances include, but are not limited to, drums and containers containing flammable fuels, solvents and waste oils, lead-based paints and pesticides.
 - B. Removal of any and all hazardous wastes to RCRA permitted treatment, storage, disposal or recycling facilities (TSDRFs). The selection of transporters and TSDRFs must be pre-approved by the EPA On-Scene Coordinator. All removal work must be performed by a qualified environmental cleanup contractor.
 - C. Cleanup and properly disposal of any spillage resulting from the storage, transfer, or movement of hazardous substances. All areas of contamination must be removed or decontaminated.
 - D. Maintenance of 24-hour security until all hazardous substances are properly containerized and

- E. Documentation of off-site disposal of hazardous wastes including, but not limited to, manifests, waste profiles and analytical data, disposal costs and pricing data, Certificates of Destruction, contractor agreements, and Extremely Hazardous (EH) Permits.
- 28. The Respondent shall provide the EPA On-Scene Coordinator with written weekly summary reports by fax or overnight mail. These reports should contain a summary of the previous week's activities and planned up-coming events.
- 29. EPA shall be informed at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to any on-Site work.
- 30. All sampling and analysis shall be consistent with the "Quality Assurance/Quality Control Guidance for Removal Activities": "Sampling QA/QC Plan and Data Validation Procedures," EPA OSWER Directive 9360.4-01, dated April 1990.
- 31. Any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant transferred off-Site as a result of this Order must be taken to a facility acceptable under the EPA Off-Site Rule as set forth in Section 300.440 of the NCP.
- 32. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of this Order, or from taking other legal or equitable action as it deems appropriate and necessary, or from requiring the Respondent in the future to perform additional activities pursuant to CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et seq., or any other applicable law.

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- 34. Except where this Order specifically provides otherwise, its obligations shall be effective three (3) calendar days following the effective date of this Order unless a conference is requested as provided below. If a conference is requested, this Order shall be effective on the third calendar day following the day of the conference unless modified in writing by EPA.
- The Respondent shall submit a final report 35. summarizing the actions taken to comply with this Order. report shall contain, at a minimum: identification of the facility, a description of the locations and types of hazardous substances encountered at the facility upon the initiation of work performed under this Order, a chronology and description of the actions performed (including both the organization and implementation of response activities), a listing of the resources committed to perform the work under this Order (including financial, personnel, mechanical, and technological resources), identification of all items that affected the actions performed under the Order and discussion of how all problems were resolved, a listing of quantities and types of materials removed from the facility, a discussion of removal and disposal options considered for any such materials, a listing of the ultimate destination of those materials, and a presentation of the analytical results of all sampling and analyses performed and accompanying appendices containing all relevant paperwork accrued

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permits). The final report shall also include an affidavit from
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    submitted within thirty (30) calendar days of completion of the
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                        Daniel M. Shane
                        On-Scene Coordinator
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                        U.S. EPA, Emergency Response Section
                        75 Hawthorne Street
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                        San Francisco, CA 94105
                         (415) 744-2286
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                        Gavin McCabe
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38. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of signature by the Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division.

PROJECT COORDINATORS

- date of this Order, the Respondent shall designate a Project Coordinator. To the greatest extent possible, the Project Coordinator shall be present on Site or readily available during Site work. EPA has designated Daniel M. Shane as its On-Scene Coordinator ("OSC"). The OSC and the Project Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Order. To the maximum extent possible, communication between the Respondent and EPA, including all documents, reports, approvals, and all other correspondence concerning the activities relevant to this Order, shall be directed through the OSC and the Project Coordinator.
- 40. EPA and the Respondent shall each have the right to change their respective designated OSC or Project Coordinator. EPA shall notify the Respondent, and the Respondent shall notify EPA, as early as possible before such a change is made, but in no case less then twenty-four (24) hours before such a change. Notification may initially be verbal but shall promptly be reduced to writing.
- 41. The EPA OSC shall have the authority vested in an On-Scene Coordinator by the NCP, 40 CFR Part 300, as amended, including the authority to halt, conduct, or direct any work

required by this Order, or to direct any other response action undertaken by EPA or the Respondent at the facility.

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- No extensions to the above time frames shall be granted without sufficient cause. All extensions must be requested, in writing, and shall not be deemed accepted unless approved, in writing, by EPA.
- All instructions by the EPA OSC or his designated 43. alternate shall be binding upon the Respondent as long as those instructions are not clearly inconsistent with the National Contingency Plan.

ACCESS

- 44. To the extent that the facility or other areas where work under this Order is to be performed is owned by, or in possession of, someone other than the Respondent, the Respondent shall obtain all necessary access agreements. In the event that after using his best efforts the Respondent is unable to obtain such agreements, the Respondent shall immediately notify EPA.
- The Respondent shall provide access to the Site to EPA employees, contractors, agents, and consultants at reasonable times, and shall permit such persons to be present and move freely in the area in order to conduct inspections, including taking photographs and videotapes of the Site, to do cleanup/ stabilization work, to take samples to monitor the work under this Order, and to conduct other activities which EPA determines to be necessary.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY

On or before two (2) calendar days of the 28 effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall provide notice, verbally or in writing, to EPA stating their intention to comply with the terms of this Order. Oral notification must be followed in writing within two (2) calendar days. In the event the Respondent fails to provide such notice, the Respondent shall be deemed not to have complied with the terms of this Order.

RECORD RETENTION

47. The Respondent shall retain copies of all records and files relating to hazardous substances found on the Site for six years following completion of the activities required by this Order and shall make them available to EPA prior to the termination of the removal activities under this Order.

ACCESS TO ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

48. The Administrative Record supporting the selection of the response action for this Site is available for review on normal business days between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Superfund Records Center, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, 9th Floor, San Francisco, California. Please contact Susan Daves at (415) 744-2154 to review the Administrative Record. An index of the Administrative Record is attached hereto.

OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER

A9. With respect to the actions required above, the Respondent may within twenty-four (24) hours after issuance of this Order, request a conference with EPA. Any such conference shall be held within three (3) calendar days from the date of request unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties. At any conference held pursuant to the request, the Respondent may appear in person, or be represented by an attorney or other

present any evidence, arguments, or comment regarding this Order, its applicability, any factual determinations upon which the Order is based, the appropriateness of any action which the Respondent is ordered to take, or any other relevant and material issue. Any such evidence, arguments, or comments should be reduced to writing and submitted to EPA within two (2) calendar days following the conference. If no conference is requested, any such evidence, arguments or comments must be submitted in writing within three (3) calendar days following the effective date of this Order. Any such writing should be directed to Gavin McCabe, Assistant Regional Counsel, at the address cited above.

51. The Respondent is hereby placed on notice that EPA will take any action which may be necessary in the opinion of EPA for the protection of public health and welfare and the environment, and the Respondent may be liable under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9607(a), for the costs of those government actions.

GOVERNMENT NOT LIABLE

52. The United States Government and its employees and other representatives shall not be liable for any injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from the acts or omissions of Respondent, his employees or other representatives caused by carrying out this Order. For the purposes of this

1 Order, the United States Government is not a party to any 2 contract with the Respondent. PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE 3 The Respondent is advised pursuant to Section 4 106(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(b), that willful 5 violation or subsequent failure or refusal to comply with this 6 7 Order, or any portion thereof, may subject the Respondent to a 8 civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each day in which such violation occurs, or such failure to comply continues. 9 to comply with this Order, or any portion thereof, without 10 sufficient cause may also subject the Respondent to liability 11 for punitive damages in an amount three times the amount of 12 any cost incurred by the government as a result of the failure of 13 the Respondent to take proper action, pursuant to Section 14 107(c)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9607(c)(3). 15 16 THIS ORDER IS ISSUED on this $25^{\frac{7h}{1}}$ day of October, 1994. 17 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY 18 19 20 Zelikson, Director M. Hazardous Waste Management Division 21 United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IX 22 23

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ATTACHMENT A

INDEX TO ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

- 1. May 27, 1994, San Bernardino County Department of Environmental Health Service (SBDEHS) Notice of Violation.
- 2. July 07, 1994, SBDEHS Notice of Violation.
- 3. August 02, 1994, SBDEHS Notice of Violation.
- 4. September 08, 1994, SBDEHS Notice to Abate.
- 5. August 29, 1994 SBDEHS Inspection Warrant with
 - A) Affidavit in Support of the Inspection Warrant
 - B) Declaration Re execution of Inspection Warrant and return of Inspection Warrant.
- 6. September 20, 1994 SBDEHS Inspection Warrant with Affidavit in Support of the Inspection Warrant.
- 7. August 29, 1994 TAT Draft Crestline DRMO Site Assessment Report #1, Cedar Pine Park, San Bernardino County, California
- 8. October 10, 1994 SBDEHS Abatement Warrant with Attachments.
- 9. October 24, 1994 Action Memo.
- 10. September 30, 1994 EPA certified mail General Notice letter to J.S. Brattain.